establishing newsprint units. Units based on minimum 75% pulp derived from non-conventional raw-materials are exempted from compulsory industrial licensing.

These policy measures are expected to provide an environment conducive to increased production of newsprint.

Newsprint Manufacturing Paper Mills

2142. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of paper mills in public sector manufacturing newsprint in the country, location-wise;

(b) whether the above mills are manufacturing newsprint fully as per their capacity;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the capacity utilised by each of the above mills during each of the last three years;

(d) the investment made by the Government in these mills till April, 1996; and

(e) the details of profit earned/loss incurred by each of the above mills during the above period alongwith the reasons for incurring the loss?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Major Newsprint Manufacturing Public Sector Mills in the Country :

1.	Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Kerala	:	Central Public Sector Undertaking
2.	Nepa Limited, Madhya Pradesh	:	Central Public Sector Undertaking
3.	Mysore Paper Mills Limited, Karnataka	:	State Public Secrtor Undertaking
4.	Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited, Tamil Nadu	:	State Public Sector Undertaking

(b) to (d). Capacity utilisation and Investment by Government :

	Capacity Utilisation (%)			Investment made by Central Government till April, 1996
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	
Hindustan Newsprint Limited	123.25	105.40	101.11	Rs. 157.05 Crores
Nepa Limited	75	66	71	Rs. 85.46 crores
Mysore Paper Mills Limited	118	118	122	State Undertaking
Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (both Paper and Newsprint)	105	103	96	State Undertaking

Under utilisation of capacity in Nepa Limited is due to technological obsolescence, capacity imbalances in different plants, lower sales realisation, adverse market condition etc.

In the current year on account of availability of cheaper imported newsprint, stock of indigenous newsprint has accumulated and the production of newsprint have been reduced in all the above mills and production remain suspended at Nepa Limited since 22.8.96.

(e) Profit/Loss for the last three years : (Rs. in crores)

	1993-94	*1994-95*	*1995-96*
Hindustan Newsprint Limited (After tax)	22.47	37.92	51.26
Nepa Limited	(-) 25.66	(-) 11.85	0.45
Mysore Paper Mills Limited (including Paper and Sugar)	6.17	24.11	32.69
Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (including Paper)	54.05	56.31	78.74

Nepa Limited incurred losses in 1993-94 and 1994-95 on account of depressed market scenario and other inherent problems like high cost of production, low capacity utilisation etc.